

# SMITH REFUSES TO DELAY TALK ON WATER RATE

Company Head Suggests Postponement But Mayor-Elect Declines.

SET TO START MONDAY

"We Shall See" Is Smith's Reply to Assertion That Reduction Is Impossible.

Dr. Frederick C. Smith, mayor-elect, made known today that consideration of lower water rate for Marion will be started Monday night regardless of whether the Marion Water Co. takes part in the public meeting with newly-elected city officials he has called for that purpose.

He made this announcement in replying to an answer he received today from Reeves J. Newsum, president of the Marion Water Co., and its parent company, the Community Water Service.

Mr. Newsum, in his answer to an invitation by Dr. Smith for representatives of the company to attend the meeting, said the company has not yet begun a study of the rate situation here, and probably would not be able to complete one yet this year.

He also said there is "no possibility of sales being lowered." Under present rates, to expire next April, the minimum charge for water service is \$18 a year.

No postponement

In answer to Mr. Newsum's suggestion that the proposed meeting Monday night be postponed to a later date, Dr. Smith, in a letter written to Mr. Newsum this morning, said the meeting will be held as scheduled.

To the water company president's statement that lower rates are out of the question, Dr. Smith said in his letter, "We shall see about that."

Dr. Smith, after replying to Mr. Newsum, issued an invitation for the general public to attend the first meeting of officials-elect to start discussion of the water rate question. The meeting will be held Monday at 8 o'clock in the council chamber and, if the chamber is overcrowded, will transfer to the meeting to a larger room in the city building.

Letter from Newsum

The complete text of Mr. Newsum's letter to Dr. Smith, in answer to one sent Thursday by Dr. Smith to George Whyall, manager of the water company, follows: Dr. Frederick C. Smith, mayor-elect, City of Marion, Ohio.

Dear Sir: Mr. George Whyall has taken up with the undersigned your request for a meeting with representatives of the Marion Water company on Monday evening, Nov. 11, 1935, to begin discussion of a new water rate ordinance. We would be glad to discuss this matter well before the date of expiration of the present rate ordinance but we had not anticipated the desire for such discussion at this early date and have not begun our studies to determine the rates which we shall be charged to charge after that time.

We know, of course, that very different conditions exist today than were anticipated at the time the present schedule of rates was agreed to because of the number of new consumers that decided to use water for their own rather than to pay for softening water and we know that as a result there is no possibility of rates being lowered. We are not prepared to say until the matter is studied what rates will be required to enable the company to earn a fair return on the value of its plant. We are hopeful that the city will be agreeable to such rates as this will necessitate, but we would not hesitate to submit the case to the public service commission for decision if such agreement cannot be reached.

We shall be glad to begin our studies of the situation promptly. It is doubtful that we shall be able to complete them before the end of the year but we will advise you as soon as we are prepared to discuss this matter. We suggest, therefore, that insofar as attendance by representatives of the Marion Water company is concerned, the proposed meeting on Nov. 11 be postponed until a later date.

Yours very truly,

THE MARION WATER CO.  
Reeves J. Newsum, president.

Smith's Reply

The text of Dr. Smith's reply to the letter, sent this morning, follows: The Marion Water Company, to Mr. George Whyall, Marion, Ohio.

Attention: Reeves J. Newsum. Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 8, 1935, I wish to state that preliminary discussions of the Marion water rate will begin next Monday night at 8:00 p. m. in the council chamber of the Marion city hall, with or without your representatives.

I am again inviting you to be present at this meeting.

You say to your letter: "there is no possibility of rates being lowered." We shall see about that.

Very truly yours,  
DR. FREDERICK C. SMITH  
Mayor-Elect, City of Marion

## RULES BILL INVALID



Judge William C. Coleman (above) in federal court at Baltimore, Md., ruled unconstitutional the 1935 act by which congress sought reorganization of the nation's vast utility industry with elimination of most of the widespread holding companies. (Associated Press Photo)

## PENSION CLUB FORMED HERE

125 Sign Up for Townsend Group at Meeting at School Auditorium.

BAIN NAMED CHAIRMAN

State Organizers and Leaders from Surrounding Cities Explain Program.

Approximately 125 Marion county residents became members of a Townsend club organized here last night following a public meeting in the auditorium at Central Junior High school, which was addressed by two state organizers for the Townsend club of Ohio. Club members began their preliminary organization with the election of Addison Bain of 182 Wallace street, as temporary chairman, and Robert G. Miah of 286 South Main street, temporary secretary.

Mr. Bain is a former city health officer and park superintendent, and for a number of years was assistant to the president of the Toledo Newsboys association. Mr. Miah is in the life insurance business in Marion.

To Meet Next Friday

The Marion Townsend club will complete its organization and elect permanent officers at a meeting scheduled for next Friday night at 8 o'clock at Central Junior High school. Those interested in affiliation with the club are invited to attend.

In addition to the 125 members taken into the club last night, a score of others took out application blanks and are expected to be come affiliated with the group at next Friday's meeting. Approximately 350 were present.

Speakers and organizers of the club were Mrs. Clara E. Gabriel of Toledo, assistant state area manager of the Townsend club in western Ohio, and Clayton S. Brough of Oak Harbor, a state organizer. Others who assisted Mrs. Gabriel and Mr. Brough in conducting the meeting, and organization were Ernest Pargson, president of the Gallion Townsend club; Miss Ethel Sheldon, secretary of one of the two Bucyrus Townsend clubs; Frank Cummins, secretary of the Gallion club, and C. W. Lockwood.

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## BILLY SUNDAY RITES ARE HELD IN CHICAGO

Fiery Evangelist Predicted 17 Years Ago He Would Die in Windy City.

By The Associated Press CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Followers of the simple faith of "Billy" Sunday gathered today in Chicago to bury the fiery evangelist of their religion, and thereby came to pass a prediction he made 17 years ago.

At a revival meeting on March 9, 1918, the evangelist said: "Chicago was the first large city I had ever seen. The city that gave me my start. There is where I broke into the big league. There is where I found and accepted Jesus Christ as my savior. There is where I met and married Nell Thompson. There is where our four children were born, and there is where a multitude of my most loyal friends live. And there is where I expect to be awakened by the resurrecting angel and go home to heaven."

Just as he said he would, Sunday died in Chicago, last Wednesday night.

His body lay today in Moody Memorial church, where funeral services were to be held at 3:30 p. m.

TEMPERATURES

Observer Staffcompre's Report (For period between 8 a. m. yesterday and 8 a. m. today.)

Maximum 57

Minimum 37

Barometer, 30.1 a. m. Today, 29.13

# ITALIAN FORCES LEAVE MAKALE TO HEAD SOUTH

Claim Taking of Gorrabel by Graziani Opens Way to Army Junction at Harar.

MOVE IN FAN FORMATION

Northern Troops Now 75 Miles Inside Ethiopia and Southern Force 120 Miles.

BY ANONUE MENDING Copyright, 1935, Associated Press WITH THE ITALIAN ARMY IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA, Nov. 8.—The high command of Italy's northern army drove its advance guard past the captured city of Makale today, and declared the victory by the southern army at Gorrabel opened the "road to Harar."

After pausing briefly to celebrate the partial capitulation of Makale, forward units fanned out swiftly through new Ethiopian territory to the south, east and west.

Control positions were established along the heights of Edda Selassie and Donghesa pass, pathway to Selicot, 15 miles down the 40-mile line of march to Amba Alaj, next objective of the north.

Armies Expect To Unite

Officers at field headquarters said the successful entrance into Gorrabel in the south by a band of native Dubats laid open the way to Harar, where the two armies would join to unite Italy's east African colonies of Eritrea and Somaliland.

The new disposition of Italian troops throughout Ethiopia after yesterday's two-fold triumph lined up the fronts as follows:

The two central columns of the northern army—the Fascist blackshirts under Gen. Ruggiero Santini and the native Askari under Gen. Alessandro Pirlo-Birolì held Makale.

This moved the main northern front forward 60 miles from the first line set through Adigrat, Aduwa and Aksum in the original drive, and about 75 miles beyond the Eritrean frontier.

Head for Lake Tana

Gen. Pietro Maravigna's column cut through territory on the north and west, protecting the right flank of the northern army and penetrating into the Adi Aba regions toward Lake Tana, headquarters of the Blue Nile and then toward the importance to British interests. The fourth column of Dubat warriors controlled the heights commanding Makale on the east, protecting the left flank.

In the south the capture of the fortified town of Gorrabel carried the leading edge of the wide wedge of troops, advancing under Gen. Rodolfo Graziani, 120 miles out of Italian Somaliland.

About double that distance lay ahead of the southern army before it could penetrate the barren Ogaden desert and reach Harar, strategic capital of the province of the same name and "Garden of

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## BENNETT HEARINGS AGAIN CONTINUED

Murder Case Proceedings Will Be Resumed in Municipal Court Tuesday.

Preliminary hearings of first degree murder charges against two Marion men in connection with the James Franklin Bennett murder on Dec. 12, 1931, were again delayed today.

The hearing was reset for Tuesday at 9 a. m. in municipal court when the time came this morning for resumption of testimony in the hearing begun Thursday morning.

Testimony of Dr. Kenneth D. Smith, former county coroner, is expected to complete the hearings. Testimony will be taken up in the case of Olaf Watkins, 45, of Barnhart street, charged with firing the shot that killed the 66-year-old crossing watchman in an attempt to hold up. Attorneys have pointed out that Grover Braden, 38, of 159 Scioto street, accused with Watkins, will abide by the court's decision in the Watkins case.

Judge William R. Martin, in the preliminary hearings, is investigating to determine whether there are reasonable grounds on which to have the charges. If he finds there are, cases of both men will be sent to the Marion county grand jury for investigation. In the event of a decision against the prosecution at conclusion of the preliminary hearing, the cases probably will be dismissed.

Mrs. Sylvia Henry, 45, of 609 West Columbia street, at first charged with complicity in the attempted holdup and slaying but later cleared by her statements and those of the accused men, still is being held as a material witness.

## PRESIDENT SEES SONS BECOME MASONS



Donning the white apron of the fraternal order, President Roosevelt, assisted in rites which brought two of his four sons, Franklin Jr., (left) and James (right), through the third degree of Masonry. They are shown as the President left New York for Washington. (Associated Press Photo)

## U.S. Orders to 2 Marion Factories Total \$112,156

General Excavator and Osgood Companies Make Sales; Galion Plant Also Gets Business.

Marion and Galion industrial concerns shared in orders placed today by the federal government for equipment to be used in civilian conservation corps camps throughout the country. The Associated Press reported in a news dispatch from Columbus.

The General Excavator Co. of Marion received contracts for 14 draglines to cost \$86,030, and two others to cost \$11,520.49 and another for \$5,308.48. The Osgood Co. of Marion received a contract for \$9,038 for a dragline.

The Galion Manufacturing Co. of Galion received contracts for \$71,515.15 for 71 graders and \$6,431 for 14 scrapers.

The orders were a portion of a \$1,882,905 allotment made for equipment by Robert Fichter, director of emergency conservation at Washington.

Some of the equipment will be used in Ohio's 60 CCC camps during the winter.

## Ohio Among 4 States Removed from FERA Roll

Hopkins Points to 194,425 Gain in Work Relief Employment in Week.

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—A report stating a 194,425 gain in work relief employment in the week ending Nov. 2 was announced by Harry L. Hopkins today as he ordered four additional states—Ohio, South Carolina, Mississippi and Connecticut—out of the dole.

Hopkins said these states had received some funds for this month but that they had 13 others now out of the dole "will not again appear on the FERA allotment list when other allotments are made later for the last half of November."

New allotments were made to the four states to let them finish up the month, but Hopkins did not announce the amounts. Ohio already has received \$2,064,000 for November, South Carolina \$349,888, Mississippi \$442,500 and Connecticut \$401,500.

Although today's employment report, as of Nov. 2, listed only 1,737,610 work relief jobs, Hopkins said the allotments have ended for the 17 states because works program employment is either well enough along or will be soon to take care of employables transferred from the relief rolls, and also, the needs of unemployed are provided for by state and local facilities.

States already cut off direct relief were Alabama, Indiana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Vermont, Wyoming, Maryland, Delaware, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Georgia, Iowa and New Mexico.

The total of 1,737,610 was far below the original objective of 3,000,000 jobs by Nov. 1, and even the later objective of 3,150,000.

The works progress administration accounted almost entirely for the gain over the 1,543,185 persons employed as of Oct. 26.

WPA projects on Nov. 2 were providing for 1,007,208 persons, compared with 788,452 the preceding week. The civilian conservation corps declined from 582,704 to 555,717.

Employment on other federal projects increased from 172,029 to 174,688.

## RED CROSS WORKERS SET TO LAUNCH ROLL CALL

Campaign in Business District Will Start Monday and in Residential District Tuesday.

# PLANS READY FOR ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM

Observance Will Open With Service at Courthouse at 11 A. M.

FLETCHER WILL SPEAK

Parade With Mardi Gras Will Mark Gala Celebration at Night.

A display of the national colors in both the business and residential districts, impressive ceremonies on the courthouse esplanade at 11 a. m. and a gala parade with a Mardi Gras section will mark Marion's observance of the seventeenth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice when the city joins in a nationwide celebration Monday.

While there will be no general closing of business places in the city, banks, building and loan offices, city and county offices will suspend operations for the day and many of the stores will close their doors from 10:45 to 11:30 a. m. in recognition of the hour of the signing of the armistice at 11 a. m. on Nov. 11, 1918.

In the public schools there will be a general observance of a two-minute silence at 11 a. m. and in the junior high schools where assemblies are held the programs will center on a patriotic theme. Pupils of St. Mary's Parochial school will be dismissed in recognition of the anniversary.

The Marion County Hotel administration offices will be closed for the day and work on all WPA projects will be suspended. John A. Abel, county relief director, announced.

Open House at Dugout

Open house will be observed at the American Legion dugout and in the evening the veterans will be guests of the auxiliary at a public supper. A bean dinner will be served by the auxiliary at noon.

Churches throughout the city will observe the anniversary in some form in the evening Sunday and at Pitts Memorial Baptist church veterans of the World War will gather for an Armistice day service to be delivered by the pastor, Rev. Harold Halderman, chaplain of Bird McGinnis Post No. 182.

A machine gun nest, provided by the National guard under the direction of Capt. Hubert L. Taylor, and a replica of the grave of the unknown soldier will provide a military setting for the services at the courthouse esplanade at 11 a. m. Congressman Brooks Fletcher will deliver the address.

The ringing of church bells, blowing of whistles and sirens three minutes before 11 o'clock will mark the opening of the day's ceremonies. The firing of a salute at the hour of the signing of the Armistice will be followed by the invocation by Rev. Harold Halderman, a song, "America," by the assembly and the Armistice memorial tribute by Rev. Halderman, assisted by W. L. Clewellyn, Charles Howard and Dr. E. L. Thomas. Mrs. C. L. Rutherford will sing "Roses of No Man's Land," preceding Congressman Fletcher's address. Gene Hill will recite "In

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## BIGGER HOG OUTPUT AIM OF NEW PROGRAM

Production Increase Sought To Halt Criticism by Consumers of Meat.

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—A new corn-hog program—intended to speed up hog production next year to quiet consumers—emerged today from the conference between farmers and AAA officials.

Final details will be arranged by the officials but the major outlines were sketched in recommendations of farmers and association workers from 26 states.

Gerald B. Thorne, chief of the AAA division of livestock, said: "The program is a plan to increase the production of hogs by farmers, and to increase the production of hogs by the government."

Chief among the changes suggested from past control programs was a new method for paying benefits on hogs. Hereafter, the AAA has paid farmers a certain amount per head for keeping their commercial hog production a required percentage under the 1923 average production.

Under the plan brought out today, farmers will be paid about \$2.30 a head for all hogs they raise, up to 80 per cent of the number they produced on the average in 1923-24. That would mean that a farmer with a team of 100 hogs, who is to be paid \$100 for limiting his production this year to 80, would be paid \$230 if he grew 80 or more hogs.

The conference also voted to permit production to exceed 100 per cent of the 1923-24 average, but few farmers expect to do so. The plan is to be put into effect in 1936.

AAA officials said the plan would not cost the government more than \$100 million a year. The plan would be put into effect in 1936.

Early Monday morning, the day after the official opening of the conference, the AAA officials said they had agreed to a plan to increase the production of hogs by farmers, and to increase the production of hogs by the government.

## SOUGHT BY FLIERS



Aerial searchers refused to give up hope today for Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, famous Australian flier missing nearly two days on a speed flight from England to Australia. They continued their search in the vicinity of the Bay of Bengal, pointing out that the type of craft Sir Charles flew could possibly float for a considerable length of time.

## PATH MAPPED OUT FOR G. O. P.

Speaker Tells Young Republicans Course Should Shun Bureaucracy, Tyranny.

200 DELEGATES AT PARLEY

George Olmstead and Dickinson of Iowa Share Spotlight at Des Moines Meeting.

By The Associated Press DES MOINES, Nov. 8.—George Olmstead, national chairman, charged leaders of the young Republican organization gathered for a national conference today with the responsibility of finding an "American way" in which young Americans could unite.

"This new way, the American way," he said, "should avoid the bureaucratic or political tyranny of the new deal on the left and the economic tyranny of the old order on the right."

Disclaiming any intention to write a Republican platform, Olmstead, in a keynote address prepared for delivery, listed points he said were a cornerstone of the young Republican viewpoint of the "American way."

Inclusion of the spotlight with Olmstead was Senator Dickinson, Republican of Iowa, gray haired foe of the new deal. Two hundred delegates from 30 states were registered for the convention.

Olmstead recalled that the "senior national committee has not ignored this meeting. It is right that it should not," he said, "On the other hand there is no reason for hostility on our part toward the national committee. Olmstead's 'American way' program recommended:

Bring governmental expenditures within income, reduce and equalize the tax burden, stabilize currency on a sound basis, and begin paying debts, all as rapidly as possible.

Provide adequate relief for all who want work but can not obtain employment and furnish support for the aged and infirm who are in need.

Work for better wages and hours of labor that American families may live comfortably and revise laws which necessitate destructive competition.

Opposed to Restrictions

Support measures which will help and oppose restrictions and laws which hinder the sound functioning of our basic industries such as farming, mining, manufacturing, and transportation.

Protect American living standards, and lower down all unnecessary barriers to international trade, travel and exchange.

Preserve opportunity of every American citizen to rise as high as possible and charge him with the responsibility for his neighbor's well-being.

Guard the Constitution as the foundation of our liberty and of representative government.

## SPAGNIANI STARTS PEN TERM TODAY

Receives 15 Months for Conviction of "Beer" Statute.

# AVIATORS STILL SEARCHING FOR SIR CHARLES

Plane Could Float Indefinitely If Forced Down in Bay of Bengal.

LAST SEEN IN MONSOON

Search Extended Over Malay States After Flight Over Jungles Proves Futile.

By The Associated Press SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, Nov. 8.—Desperate aerial searches for Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith, missing nearly two days on a speed flight from England to Australia, refused today to abandon hope of rescuing the world-famous aviator.

Contrary to earlier belief, it was learned that the missing plane could remain aloft indefinitely if he had been forced down, with his co-pilot Tom Pethbridge, on the Bay of Bengal, where they were last seen fighting through a monsoon.

Planes and ships searched fruitlessly throughout the day for the missing flier, however, and darkness fell with no further word of their fate.

Mount Kinabalu Area

Royal air force planes soared north, nearing the Borneo frontier, to start a systematic scanning of the stormy waters from Victoria point, above the Malay Federated States.

C. James Malin, who abandoned his own flight from England to Australia and placed himself at the orders of the royal air force after flying past Kingsford-Smith's ship over the bay, followed the flying boats at a slower speed.

Earlier today, two of the royal air force ships returned from a dawn flight over the bay and coastal jungle islands, having found no trace of the men, then missing 26 hours. A former member of the royal air force has flown both the Pacific and the Atlantic and has often been lost for days, only to emerge from danger safely.

Sir Charles took off from Lympne, England, Wednesday in an attempt to regain the speed record from England to Australia long held by him.

Last Night Over Borneo

After a fast flight across Europe to Bagdad, Iraq, he crossed India to Allahabad, northern India, where he landed at 8:30 p. m. Thursday (7:30 a. m. eastern time of time). He was last reported over Allahabad, Borneo, on the northern coast of the Bay of Bengal.

Aviation officials had pointed out that if the veteran pilot descended on the bay without cracking up, he might be able to lighten his ship sufficiently to remain aloft for at least two days.

Later, however, authorities said they believed the monoplane was so constructed that it could withstand the waters for an indefinite time.

Kingsford-Smith was born in Bristol, England, in 1897. His first aerial experiences were in the World war, when he joined the royal air force after service in Egypt, Gallipoli and on the western front.

In 1924, he won world-wide fame with a flight across the Pacific.

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## NRA UNIT AIMS DART AT GASOLINE FIRMS

Claims Motorist Buying High Test Auto Fuel Just Wasting Money.

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The NRA consumers division reported today that gasoline sold under a trade name is a "fantastic uncertainty" and furthermore that the ordinary motorist who buys high octane (high test) fuel wastes his money.

Both remarks were made in the division's second issue of a new bulletin titled "The Consumer."

Quoting said by scientific magazine, the bulletin said, "There is no amount of uniformity, but the quality of wrapping and packaging which occurs in the quick adjustment of local markets and the miscellaneous activities of the individual, give each gallon of gasoline sold under a trade name a 'fantastic uncertainty.'"

After sketching the history of gasoline, the report said:

"The tendency in the market, of course, is to push sales as far as possible to the higher octane gasoline because of their higher price."